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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Mary M. Ponthan et al.

Serial No.: 09/680,817

Examiner: L.B. Tran

Filing Date: October 5, 2000

Group Art Unit: 3721

For: COMBINATION FLEXIBLE PLANAR ITEM AND CHARACTER

Docket No.: 19420/101/101

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION TRANSMITTAL

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Carolyn J. Erickson

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
 - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____.
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
 - iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed
 - i. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☐ Other

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2. Miscellaneous

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- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for

a period of _____ months.

b. ☐ Other

3. **Fees**

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 14-0620.

i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee

iii. ☐ Other: Additional Independent Claim

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$860.00 enclosed

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Dear Sir:

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above identified application.

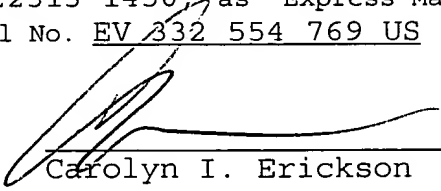
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TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2. This request is being submitted (check appropriate item(s) below):
 - i. ☒ Prior to abandonment of the application
 - ii. ☐ Payment of the issue fee
☐ Prior to payment of issue fee

☐ Issue fee has been paid but a petition under § 1.313 has been granted

iii. ☐ Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences

☐ A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this request for Continued Examination is being filed.

iv. ☐ Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. 145 or

☐ Commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 146

☐ Prior to the filing of such appeal or commencement of civil action

☐ Such appeal or commencement of civil action has been terminated

ENCLOSURES

3. Enclosed herewith is/are:

☐ An information disclosure (37 C.F.R. § 1.98)

☐ Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)

☒ A Preliminary Amendment

☐ New arguments

☐ New evidence in support of patentability

☐ Other:

FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e))

4. This application is on behalf of:

☒ Small entity (and status is still as small entity)
\$385.00

☐ Other than a small entity
\$770.00

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b) - (d)) has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS FILED						
	(1)	(2)	SMALL ENTITY		OTHER	
FOR:	# FILED	# EXTRA	Rate	Fee	Rate	Fee
BASIC FEE				\$385		\$770
TOTAL CLAIMS	5-20 =	0	x9=	\$ 0	x18=	\$
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1 -3 =	0	x43=	\$ 0	x86=	\$
() MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENTED			+145=	\$ 0	+290=	\$
TOTAL			\$385.00		\$	

(complete (c) or (d), as applicable)

(c) ☒ No additional fee is required.

OR

(d) ☐ Total additional fee required is \$_____.

EXTENSION OF TIME

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

(a) ☒ Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(4), for the total number of months checked below:

Extension for (months)	Fee for other than <u>small entity</u>	Fee for small <u>entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$110.00	\$55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$420.00	\$210.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> three months	\$950.00	\$475.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,480.00	\$740.00

Fee: \$ 475.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

☐ An extension for _____ months has already been secured, and the fee paid therefor of \$_____ is deducted from

the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$_____

OR

- (b) ☐ Applicant(s) believe(s) that no extension of time is required. However, this is a conditional petition and authorization to pay the necessary fees to provide for the possibility that Applicant(s) has/have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

TOTAL FEE(S) DUE

7. The total fee(s) due is/are:

Continued Prosecution Fee (§ 1.17(e))	\$_____ 385.00
Fee(s) for additional claims (if any) (§ 1.16(b) - (d))	\$_____ 0.00
Extension of time fee (if any) (§ 1.17(a) (1) - (4))	\$_____ 475.00

Total Fee(s) Due \$_____ 860.00

PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE

8. Please pay the fee(s) for this continued examination application as follows:

- ☒ Check is attached for the sum of \$_____ 860.00
- ☐ Charge Account 14-0620 the sum of \$_____
- ☒ Please charge any deficiencies or credit any over payment to Deposit Account 14-0620.

INVENTORSHIP

9. This application as amended names as inventors:

- ☒ the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.
- ☐ fewer than the inventors previously designated and a statement accompanies this request for the deletion of the name or names of the person or persons who are not inventors of the invention now being claimed.
- ☐ a person not named previously as an inventor and a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48 is/has separately:

- ☐ being filed
☐ been filed

DEFERRAL OF EXAMINATION

10. ☐ A request for deferral of examination accompanies this request for continued examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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By their attorney

Date March 12, 2004

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